

CITY *Visions*

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GIVING TREE AT CITY HALL

EACH YEAR residents look forward to the opportunity to participate in the Annual Giving Tree at City Hall. In coordination with Community Solutions, the City of Morgan Hill sponsors Giving Trees in the lobbies of City Hall and Public Works during the holiday season.

Residents may choose a name from the tree and return a gift for a needy child or adult. The gift tags will be available the Monday after Thanksgiving. It is requested that all gifts be returned to City Hall by Thursday, December 13th.

If you have any questions about the Giving Tree, please contact Karen Lengsfeld, Coordinator of Volunteer Services at 408-779-7278 ext. 459 or lengsfeld@ch.morganhill.ca.gov.

STUDY AIMS TO ESTABLISH GREENBELT AREA



IN ORDER to ensure that Morgan Hill remains a distinct and separate community from our neighbors, our General Plan calls for conducting a Greenbelt Study.

The Study's objective is to identify areas on all sides of the City that should remain rural in nature and create an Urban Limit Line that will separate these areas from land needed for Morgan Hill's future development.

The Study will address how much land is needed to accommodate the City's growth through 2050 and General Plan objectives

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Have A Safe And Happy Holiday Season



This holiday season, don't let the spirit of giving lull you into giving burglars, muggers, and pickpockets a better chance to do their dirty work.

Crooks love the holidays as much as everyone else - but primarily because it's an opportune time for crime. Homes packed with glittering gifts. Stores, malls and downtown streets teeming with unsuspecting shoppers. People rushing around, stressed out and careless, looking for last-minute gifts, trying to get everything done. It's enough to make a crook giddy with holiday joy.

HERE ARE SOME TIPS ON HOW TO CELEBRATE SAFELY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON:



IF YOU ARE TRAVELING:

- Get an automatic timer for your lights.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home, and park in the driveway from time to time.
- Don't forget to have the mail and newspaper delivery stopped. If it piles up, it's a sure sign that you're gone.

IF YOU ARE OUT FOR THE EVENING:

- Turn on the lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone's home.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it is just for a few minutes.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.



IF YOU ARE SHOPPING:



- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.
- Park in a well-lit space, and be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card whenever possible.
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Don't overburden yourself with packages. Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.
- Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.

IF A STRANGER COMES TO YOUR DOOR, BEWARE:

Criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts. In addition, it's not uncommon for people to try to take advantage of others' generosity during the holidays by going door-to-door for charitable donations when there's no charity involved.

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THE MORGAN HILL
COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER

Grand Opening Week Celebration

A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURE



JOIN US IN THE FUN • EVERYONE WELCOME
DECEMBER 7, 2002 - DECEMBER 14, 2002



THE MORGAN HILL COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER

GRAND OPENING WEEK CELEBRATION DECEMBER 7, 2002 - DECEMBER 14, 2002



Schedule of Events

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2002

MAYOR'S BALL CARNIVALE • 6PM - MIDNIGHT

EVENT OF THE SEASON

BLACK TIE AFFAIRE

LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

EXTRAVAGANZA OF GAMES

GOURMET MENU

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

MARILYN LIBRERS: 779-6504 OR 892-3883

EMAIL: DUNNHILL848@EARTHLINK.NET

TICKETS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT CITY HALL

SUPPORTS THE MORGAN HILL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2002

GRAND OPENING • 1PM - 5PM

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

GUIDED TOURS OF THE COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER

A VARIETY OF ENTERTAINMENT

REFRESHMENTS SERVED

CULTURAL DANCE SHOW • 7PM - 9PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2002

GAVILAN COLLEGE DAY • 5PM - 7PM

GUIDED TOUR OF THE NEW GAVILAN COLLEGE MORGAN HILL SITE

REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS FOR SPRING

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COLLEGE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER
QUESTIONS ON THE NEW SPRING SEMESTER.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO
BE A PART OF THE GRAND OPENING
CELEBRATION COMMITTEE, PLEASE
CONTACT THE CITY OF MORGAN
HILL, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY
SERVICES DIVISION AT 779-7271.
LOOK FOR MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

Schedule of Events

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2002

BUSINESS DAY • 11:30AM - 6:30PM

GUIDED TOURS OF THE COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER
BUSINESS TRADE SHOW - EXHIBITS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES
TECHNOLOGY/VIDEO CONFERENCING DEMONSTRATION
RAFFLE PRIZES • REFRESHMENTS SERVED

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2002

CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY • 10AM - 5PM

TEEN NIGHT • 6PM - 8PM
FACE PAINTING
ANIMAL BALLOONS
ARTS & CRAFT ACTIVITIES
VISIT SANTA CLAUS
YOGA DEMO
JEWELRY MAKING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2002

SENIOR DAY • 1PM - 4:30PM

GUIDED TOURS OF THE COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER
ENTERTAINMENT - PERFORMANCE BY THE FABULOUS FLAPPERS
OLD TIME MOVIES
QUILT DISPLAY
REFRESHMENTS SERVED
ART SHOW RECEPTION - 7:30PM - 9PM
STROLL THROUGH THE GALLERY AT THE COMMUNITY
AND CULTURAL CENTER
AND VIEW A WONDERFUL ART EXHIBIT
OPPORTUNITY TO MEET VARIOUS ARTISTS
REFRESHMENTS SERVED

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2002

PERFORMING ARTS DAY • 3:30PM - 5:30PM

COSTUME DISPLAY
THEATRE MAKEUP WORKSHOP
MOVEMENT WORKSHOP
A VARIETY OF ENTERTAINMENT
SOUTH VALLEY CIVIC THEATRE 1940's RADIO HOUR VIGNETTE
GUIDED TOURS OF THE COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER
REFRESHMENTS SERVED

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2002

ANNUAL DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY PARADE • 5:30PM
TEEN DANCE • 7PM - 9PM



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FAMILY WEDDING, AN IMPOR
TANT BUSINESS MEETING OR A

COMMUNITY-WIDE CELEBRATION, THE MOR-
GAN HILL COMMUNITY CENTER IS THE
PERFECT PLACE FOR ANY EVENT. THE CENTER
CONTAINS TWO LARGE MULTIPURPOSE
ROOMS SUITABLE FOR LARGE EVENTS, THREE
SMALLER CLASSROOMS THAT CAN BE RENTED
FOR MEDIUM SIZED EVENTS, TWO SMALLER
MEETING ROOMS AND A CHILDREN'S PAVIL-
ION. ADJACENT TO THE CHILDREN'S PAVIL-
ION ARE AN OUTDOOR, ENCLOSED PLAY
AREA AND AN INTERACTIVE WATER FEATURE.
THE COMMUNITY CENTER ALSO HAS A FULL
SERVICE KITCHEN TO SERVE ANY EVENT. IN
ADDITION TO THE INDOOR ROOMS, THE
COMMUNITY CENTER HAS AN OUTDOOR
AMPHITHEATER AND A ROSE GARDEN WHICH
MAY BE RENTED BY ITSELF OR AS PART OF AN
OVERALL EVENT RENTAL.

THE MORGAN HILL
COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER
FEATURES 38,000 SQ.FT. OF
THOUGHTFUL AMENITIES WHICH INCLUDE:

HIRAM MORGAN HILL ROOM

EL TORO ROOM

MACHADO ROOM

MADRONE ROOM

MIRA MONTE DANCE ROOM

DIANA MURPHY FINE ARTS ROOM

POPPY JASPER CERAMICS ROOM

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KITCHEN FACILITY

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CHILDREN'S PAVILION

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300 SEAT OUTDOOR

AMPHITHEATER

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185 SEAT - MORGAN HILL

COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE

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INTERACTIVE WATER FEATURE

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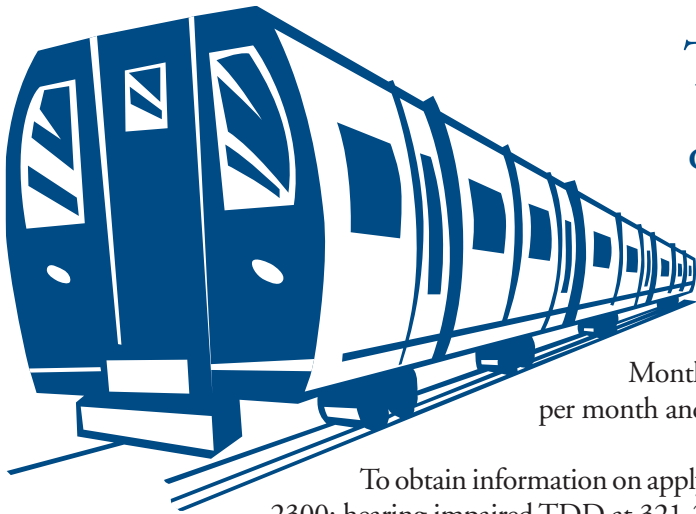
PICTURESQUE ROSE GARDEN

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EIGHT-CLASSROOM SATELLITE GAVILAN

COLLEGE CAMPUS


THE MORGAN HILL COMMUNITY
AND CULTURAL CENTER
GRAND OPENING WEEK CELEBRATION
DECEMBER 7, 2002 - DECEMBER 14, 2002



TRANSIT DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

CITIZENS 65 or over and persons with qualifying disabilities are eligible for a Regional Transit Connection (RTC) Discount Card. This is an ID card with your photo that allows you to ride on Caltrain, VTA and 15 other Bay Area public transit systems at a greatly reduced rate. With an RTC card, you can save even more by purchasing a Monthly or Annual sticker subscription. Monthly stickers are \$11.00 per month and day passes can be purchased for \$1.25.

To obtain information on applying for your pass, please contact VTA customer service at 321-2300; hearing impaired TDD at 321-2330 or visit www.vta.org.

In addition to this program, you may wish to apply for the OUTREACH/Paratransit program which will take qualified applicants door to door anywhere in Santa Clara County. This service is provided for those individuals who cannot use bus or light rail services. To apply, please contact customer service at 436-2865; TDD at 436-0155 or visit www.outreach1.org. 

Article by Lisa Lewis, Office Assistant II, City Clerk's Office, 779-7259, LewisL@ch.morgan-hill.ca.gov

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including preservation of hillside areas, protection of environmentally sensitive land, limiting sprawl and creating a long-term separation between Morgan Hill and other developed or potentially developed areas.

Santa Clara County will be an active participant in the Study. Amendment of the County's land use plan is anticipated to reflect Morgan Hill's decisions on the limits of growth and development.

On October 2nd, the City Council reviewed a proposed work program and authorized the City Manager to conduct a consultant selection process. The Council will appoint a Citizen's Advisory Committee to oversee the Study and make recommendations to the Planning Commission and Council.

If you are interested in serving on the advisory committee, please contact Ken Schreiber at 779-7247 or kschreiber@ch.morgan-hill.ca.gov. 

Article by Community Development Department - Ken Schreiber, Contract Planner, 779-7247 or kschreiber@ch.morgan-hill.ca.gov

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Ask for identification, and find out how the funds will be used. If you aren't satisfied - don't give. Help a charitable organization you know and like instead.

TAKE HOLIDAY INVENTORY:

The holidays are a good time to update or create your home inventory. Take photos or make videos of items, and list descriptions and serial numbers. If your home is burglarized, having a detailed inventory can help identify stolen items and make insurance claims easier to file. Make sure things like TV's, VCR's, stereo equipment, jewelry, silver, computers, home office equipment and power tools are on the list. Remember to check it twice!

Last but not least, don't let the holiday stress get the best of your holiday spirit. Make time to get together with family, friends, and neighbors, and think about reaching out in the spirit of the season and helping someone who's less fortunate or lonely.

Do your part to make the holidays a safe and happy time for everybody - except the criminals. 

Article by Debbie Simon, Crime Prevention Officer, 776-7310 or debbies@pd.morgan-hill.ca.gov

MORGAN HILL COMMUNITY GUIDE

CHANNEL 17 PROGRAMMING

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

REGULAR SESSION:	11/6	7PM LIVE
	11/7	NOON REPLAY
	11/9	8PM REPLAY
	11/10	NOON REPLAY

REGULAR SESSION	11/20	7PM LIVE
	11/21	NOON REPLAY
	11/23	8PM REPLAY
	11/24	NOON REPLAY

JOINT RDA SESSION	11/27	7PM LIVE
	11/28	NOON REPLAY
	11/30	8PM REPLAY
	12/1	NOON REPLAY

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

REGULAR SESSION:	11/12	7PM LIVE
	11/13	NOON REPLAY
	11/16	NOON REPLAY
	11/17	8PM REPLAY

REGULAR SESSION	11/26	7PM LIVE
	11/27	NOON REPLAY
	11/30	NOON REPLAY
	12/1	8PM REPLAY

RECYCLE HOUR FOR KIDS & ADULTS	9:30AM & 4:30 PM DAILY FRIDAY 7PM
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TEACHER RECOGNITION PROGRAM	MONDAYS 7-9 PM
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CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Dennis Kennedy	779-7259
Mayor Pro Tempore Larry Carr	779-9622
Councilmember Hedy L. Chang	778-0511
Councilmember Greg Sellers	778-2370
Councilmember Steve Tate	779-6992
City Clerk Irma Torrez	779-7259
City Treasurer Michael Roorda	778-3653

CITY EXECUTIVE STAFF

City Manager **J. Edward Tewes**
City Attorney **Helene L. Leichter**
Assistant To The City Manager **Melissa Stevenson Dile**
Assistant To The City Manager **Anthony Eulo**
Business Assistance/Housing Services Director **Garrett Toy**
Community Development Director **David Bischoff**
Council Services and Records Manager **Irma Torrez**
Finance Director **Jack Dilles**
Human Resources Director **Mary Kaye Fisher**
Police Chief **Gerald T. Galvin**
Public Works Director **Jim Ashcraft**
Recreation and Community Services Manager **Julie Spier**

CONTACTING YOUR CITY

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8AM to 5PM
Address: 17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037
Animal Control 776-7300
Building Inspection 779-7241
Business Assist. & Housing Services 776-7373
City Clerk 779-7259
City Manager 779-7271
Environmental Programs 779-7247
Finance 779-7237
Fire Department (County Fire) 378-4010
Job Hotline 779-7276
Planning: Land Use / Zoning 779-7247
Police Administration 776-7315
Public Works 776-7337
Recreation 779-7271
Water 779-7221
Volunteer Programs 779-7278
City Hall Fax Number 779-3117
City Website: <http://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov>

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Contact Editor Anthony Eulo at 779-7247 or environ@ch.morgan-hill.ca.gov.
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COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Election Day • November 5

Compost Workshop • November 12

Attendees of Morgan Hill Home Composting workshops discover the benefits of gardening using their own compost. The next class is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, from 7PM - 9PM at the YMCA. To register for this free workshop, call the Home Composting Education Program at 918-4640.

Thanksgiving Day • November 28

City offices are closed; regular garbage and recycling service.

City Offices Closed • November 29

Regular garbage and recycling service.



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17555 PEAK AVENUE
MORGAN HILL, CA 95037

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